

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-7 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to expedite prosecution. Such cancellation should not be construed as acquiescence in any rejections.

Claims 1-6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pratt. As indicated above, claims 2-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot with regards to claims 2-6. Claims 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Pratt in view of Vitenberg. The features of claim 7 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, patentability of claim 1 is discussed with reference to Pratt in view of Vitenberg.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “a positive butt-set connection connected to the low pass filter; and a negative butt-set connection connected to the low pass filter, the positive butt-set connection and negative butt-set connection for establishing a connection with a hand held butt-set separate from the adapter.” In applying the references the Examiner states that Pratt teaches butt-set connections at elements 48-1 and 48-2. These nodes 48-1 and 48-2 are not butt-set connections as described in claim 1. The nodes 48-1 and 48-2 are connected to test set circuitry 22 internal to a telecommunication device 20, such as a test set (paragraph [0008]). Nodes 48-1 and 48-2 are not connection points to an external butt-set but rather internal nodes of a test set. Thus, Pratt fails to teach the positive butt-set connection and negative butt-set connection as alleged by the Examiner.

Further, claim 1 recites “a capacitor directly connected to the positive lead; a second capacitor directly connected to the negative lead.” In applying Pratt, the Examiner cites to capacitors 53 and 57 and states that when switch 59 is closed, capacitor 57 is connected to the negative lead. However, capacitor 57 is not directly connected to the negative lead and thus Pratt fails to teach this feature.

Further, Vitenberg was relied upon for allegedly disclosing the details of the low pass filter. Vitenberg teaches resistors 705, but these resistors are not arranged in a manner as recited in claim 1, which states “the capacitor, resistor, visual indicator, second resistor and
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second capacitor being in series; the capacitor, resistor, visual indicator, second resistor and second capacitor being in parallel with the first inductor and second inductor.” Thus, Vitenberg fails to teach this aspect of claim 1.

Further, Vitenberg fails to teach an externally visible visual indicator. In applying Vitenberg, the Examiner cites to LEDs 709 as allegedly corresponding to the claimed visual indicator. LEDs 709 are part of opto-relay switches 706. These devices change conductive state using an LED 709 and a photodiode (not numbered). The LED 709 is not externally visible, but rather is typically part of an enclosed relay device.

For at least the above reasons, even if Pratt and Vitenberg are combined, the features of claim 1 do not result. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Pratt in view of Vitenberg. Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Pratt in view of Vitenberg for at least the reasons advanced with reference to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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